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 FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation view of the bandage of FIG. 1, taken along line 2--2 of FIG. 1, showing a double sided glue tape strip between the inner strip and the outer strip.

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FIG. 3 is a top view of an additional embodiment of the present invention, having an insert between the inner strip and the outer strip.

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional elevational view of bandage of FIG. 3 taken along line 4--4 of FIG. 3, showing an insert and two double sided glue tape strips between the inner strip and the outer strip before they are assembled.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the bandages of the present invention applied on a segment of a finger.

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of FIG. 5 taken along line 6--6 of FIG. 5, showing how the inner elastic self-adhering strip overlaps and self-adheres to form a small cylindrical ring around a segment of a finger.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the bandages of the present invention applied to protect the sensitive skin areas on right hand fingers that hold a golf club.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the bandages of the present invention applied to protect the sensitive skin areas on left hand fingers.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of the bandages of the present invention applied over a golf glove to provide golf swing control and finger protection.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The first embodiment of the present invention is a gripping-aid bandage 10 without an insert, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, comprising two overlying different types of strips 11 and 12 bonded together. The first strip 11 is made of thin, lightweight, porous elastic material having self-

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as in the previous construction embodiment. Accordingly, this embodiment of bandage 10 reduces the stretchability in the longitudinal direction shown by arrow 15 at the non-overlapping areas 22 and 23, as shown in FIG. 2.

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With respect to each of the above two basic construction forms of the present invention, FIG. 4 illustrates a further embodiment of the invention designated 10 wherein an insert strip 24 is added between the triple-layered inner strip 11 and the single-layered outer strip 12, as shown in FIG. 3. They are bounded by two double sided glue tape strips 9 and 9' as shown in FIG. 4. By way of example, Insert 24 can comprise single or multiple layers of foam or cotton base material and is used to provide extra comfort and protection for the finger during use of the bandage 10' to grip a sports implement or a hand tool.

The present invention can be wrapped directly around a finger or fingers 25 as shown in FIG. 5 to FIG. 8 with outer strip 12 facing away from the finger 25. The self-adhering characteristics of the outer ends of inner strip 11 cause the bandage 10,10' to adhere to itself, which holds the bandage 10,10' firmly in place on the finger 25, as specifically illustrated in FIG. 6.

The bandage 10,10' may also be applied over the finger or fingers of a sport glove 26 as shown in FIG. 9. The unique combined features of the inner strip 11 and the outer strip 12 of the present invention provide better grip control for the fingers and the protection of sensitive skin on the fingers while using sports equipment or hand tools.

Although, it has been shown and described with details using exemplary embodiments of the present invention, it will be understood that various changes in form, size, the number of layers of material and the pattern used to all sides of the present invention may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the claimed invention.